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DETAILED ACTION

- Claims 1 and 2 remain pending

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Xu et al "DRiVE-ing to the Internet: Dynamic Radio for IP Services in Vehicular Environments".

- In reference to claim 1

Xu et al. teaches a DRIVE network architecture that includes a global DRIVE core network (although not shown in a Figure, a plurality of regional Drive core networks as shown in Figure 6 are joined via the internet to create a global Drive core network) comprised of a plurality of regional DRIVE core networks (common core network) as shown in Figure 6 wherein each regional DRIVE core network (common core network) comprising:

- A mobility management (mobility manager) that has a function of tracing a location of a DRIVE mobile node (mobile host) to determine an radio access system (access network) effective at a position of the location and function of carrying out local handoffs within a regional DRIVE core network

- (common core network) and handoffs for external networks based on mobile IP (sections 3.1 and 3.2)
- A traffic control (resource manager) that coordinates traffic distribution and is responsible for resource allocation and admission control to support the traffic distribution in the regional DRIVE core network (common core network) (sections 3.1 and 3.2)
 - The global DRIVE core network supporting DRIVE mobile node (mobile host) roaming within a radio access system (homogeneous radio communication network) and between a plurality of different radio access systems (heterogeneous radio communication networks) based on Internet Protocol (network layer of OSI model) and enables Internet access via a DRIVE border gateway (gateway router) and access to a plurality of base stations inherently located in the radio access systems simultaneously by communicating with the traffic control (resource manager) residing in the corresponding one of the regional DRIVE core network (common core network) via a network selector of interfaces in the base stations (sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3)
 - Each regional DRIVE core networks is connected via the Internet to access other regional DRIVE core networks that collectively comprise the global DRIVE core network (sections 3.1 and 3.2)
 - Wherein a corresponding node is within the Internet

- Wherein the DRIVE border gateway (gateway router), a traffic control (resource manager), and a mobility management (mobility manager) are within each regional DRIVE core network (common core network)
- Wherein the RAN selector is within the mobile host (section 3.2.1) and a locator and a local resource manager are inherently within the DRIVE mobile host

- In reference to claim 2

In Figure 6, Xu et al. further teaches:

- A Micro mobility management function in the global DRIVE core network supporting handover for any DRIVE mobile node (mobile host) roaming between base stations belonging to a radio access system (homogeneous radio communication networks) (sections 3.1 and 3.2)
- A Macro mobility management function utilizing Mobile IPv6, supporting between a plurality of regional DRIVE core networks (common core network), handover for any DRIVE mobile node (mobile host) roaming between base stations belonging to a radio access system (homogeneous radio communication networks) (sections 3.1 and 3.2)

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 04/07/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

- In the Remarks on pg. 6 of the amendment, the Applicant contends that Xu et al. fails to teach "the global common core network *supporting mobile hosts roaming within a homogeneous radio communication network and between a plurality of heterogeneous radio communication networks* based on a link layer or network layer of OSI model and enables Internet access via a gateway router and access to a plurality of base stations simultaneously by communicating with the resource manager residing in the corresponding one of the regional common core networks via a network selector of interfaces in the basestations".
- The Examiner respectfully disagrees. As shown in Figure 6 and described in section III.2 *Functionality and Architecture*, the global common core network supports a plurality of different access systems such as UMTS, GPRS, CDMA2000, DVB, DAV and WLAN. The mobile node can roam and perform communications over a single access system or over multiple access systems based on the network layer protocol of the DRiVE core network which is Mobile IPv6.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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